Job Aid for Clinicians

How to send information about a suspected AFM case to the health department

Identify suspected case of AFM: patient with onset of acute flaccid limb weakness

Contact your health department when you identify a suspected case of AFM.

For health department contact information, call the CDC Emergency Operations Center at 770-488-7100.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION INFORMATION SHARING AND Collect specimens as close to onset of limb Send copies of the following to your health weakness as possible and store as directed department for sharing with CDC: (see table on reverse side) admission and discharge notes neurology and infectious disease consult notes MRI report MRI images vaccination history laboratory test results Stool NP swab Serum Work with your health department to coordinate submission of specimens for testing at CDC. Specimens should be shipped overnight to arrive at CDC Tuesday through Friday. Specimen submission form (DASH) should be completed for each specimen submitted.

TO

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Epidemiology Hotline: 877-427-7317

Fax: 877-427-7318

Health department completes <u>AFM Patient Summary Form</u>, compiles medical records, and sends information to CDC. Patient will be classified by national AFM experts.

After expert review, patient classification is given back to health department and relayed to clinician by health department.

Specimens to collect and send to CDC for testing for suspected AFM cases

SAMPLE	AMOUNT	TUBE TYPE	PROCESSING	STORAGE	SHIPPING
CSF	1mL (collect at same time or within 24hrs of serum)	Cryovial	Spun and CSF removed to cryovial	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice
Serum	≥0.4mL (collect at same time or within 24 hours of CSF)	Tiger/red top	Spun and serum removed to tiger/red top.	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice
Stool	≥1 gram (2 samples collected 24hrs apart)	Sterile container	n/a	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice. Rectal swabs should not be sent in place of stool.
Respiratory (NP)/ Oropharyngeal (OP) swab	1ml (minimum amount)	n/a	Store in viral transport medium	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice

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